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SENATE BILL

No. 516

Introduced by Senator Fuller

February 26, 2015

An act to amend Sections 2550 and 2557 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 516, as amended, Fuller. Transportation: motorist aid services.

Existing law authorizes the establishment of a service authority for freeway emergencies in any county if the board of supervisors of the county and the city councils of a majority of the cities within the county adopt resolutions providing for the establishment of the service authority. Existing law authorizes a service authority to impose a fee of \$1 per year on vehicles registered in the counties served by the service authority. Existing law requires moneys received by a service authority to be used for the implementation, maintenance, and operation of a motorist aid system of call boxes and authorizes moneys received by a service authority in excess of what is needed for that system to be used for additional motorist aid services, including, among other things, changeable message signs and lighting for call boxes. Existing law requires the Department of Transportation and the Department of the California Highway Patrol to review and approve plans, and amendments to plans, for implementation of a motorist *aid* system of call boxes.

This bill would instead require that those moneys be used by the service authority for service expenses associated with the implementation, maintenance, and operations of a motorist aid system, including the installation of call boxes. The bill would additionally

authorize the use of those moneys for traveler information systems, Intelligent Transportation System architecture and infrastructure, *and* other transportation demand management services, ~~and litter and debris removal services~~. The bill would require the Department of Transportation and the Department of the California Highway Patrol to review and approve plans, and amendments to plans, for installation of a motorist aid system of call boxes and any call box removal plan.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2550 of the Streets and Highways Code
2 is amended to read:

3 2550. The Legislature declares that its intent in enacting this
4 chapter is to encourage a motorist aid system comprising multiple
5 service elements and infrastructure along the California Freeway
6 and Expressway System to enable motorists in need of aid to obtain
7 assistance. However, it is not intended that a motorist aid system
8 be considered an emergency system.

9 SEC. 2. Section 2557 of the Streets and Highways Code is
10 amended to read:

11 2557. (a) The moneys received and allocated by each service
12 authority pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 9250.10 of the
13 Vehicle Code shall be used for the implementation, maintenance,
14 and operation of a motorist aid system, including the lease or
15 lease-purchase of facilities and equipment for the system, on the
16 portions of the California Freeway and Expressway System and a
17 county expressway system, and the unincorporated county roads
18 in that county, and on state highway routes that connect segments
19 of these systems, that are located within the county in which the
20 authority is established as well as associated service expenses. The
21 department and the Department of the California Highway Patrol
22 shall each review and approve plans for installation of a motorist
23 aid system of call boxes proposed for any state highway route and
24 shall be reimbursed by the service authority for all costs incurred
25 due to review and approval of the plan.

26 (b) An authority or any other public entity may construct and
27 maintain, and lease or lease-purchase on terms and conditions it

1 deems appropriate, the facilities of a motorist aid system or it may
2 contract with a private person or entity to do so.

3 (c) If leases or lease-purchase agreements are entered into
4 pursuant to subdivision (a), or if revenue bonds are issued and sold
5 pursuant to Section 2558, the moneys received by each service
6 authority pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 9250.10 of the
7 Vehicle Code shall be used to the extent necessary to make lease
8 payments or to pay the principal of, and interest on, the amount
9 of bonded indebtedness outstanding, as the case may be. Facilities
10 and equipment acquired through the expenditure of proceeds from
11 the sale of those bonds shall have a useful life at least equal to the
12 term of the bonds.

13 (d) (1) Any moneys received and allocated by a service
14 authority pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 9250.10 of the
15 Vehicle Code may be used for purposes of paragraph (2) and for
16 full implementation and ongoing costs to maintain and operate the
17 motorist aid system pursuant to subdivision (a), including, but not
18 limited to, the following motorist aid and safety-related projects:

19 (A) Call boxes.

20 (B) Changeable message signs.

21 (C) Lighting for call boxes.

22 (D) Support for traffic operations centers.

23 (E) Contracting for removal of disabled vehicles from the
24 traveled portion of the right-of-way, including operation of the
25 freeway service patrol pursuant to Chapter 15 (commencing with
26 Section 2560).

27 (F) Traveler information systems, Intelligent Transportation
28 System architecture and infrastructure, and other transportation
29 demand management services.

30 ~~(G) Litter and debris removal.~~

31 (2) Any amendment to an existing plan for a motorist aid system
32 of call boxes adopted by a service authority for any state highway
33 route and any call box removal plan shall, prior to the installation
34 or removal of the call boxes, be submitted to the department and
35 the Department of the California Highway Patrol for review and
36 approval and those call boxes shall not be installed or removed
37 until the amendment or removal plan has been so reviewed and
38 approved. The authority shall reimburse each department for the
39 costs of that review.

1 (e) A service authority may develop policies for the retention
2 of records, including, but not limited to, authority operations,
3 contracts, and programs, and the length of the retention period.

4 (f) A motorist aid system constructed, maintained, or operated
5 pursuant to this section shall meet the applicable standards of Title
6 II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law
7 101-336) and federal regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

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